

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Larry Williams et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Patent No.:	6,807,516	Group Art Unit:	2857
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Title:	LAMP MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD		

**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
FOR PRIORITY UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)**

Attn: CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTIONS BRANCH
Commissioner for Patents
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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.78 (a)(3), applicant respectfully requests to correct the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 in the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 6,807,516. The '516 patent issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/628,353, which was filed on July 19, 2003 and mistakenly claimed priority only to a prior continuation application 10/118,324 (which includes the same specification and declaration as the '353 application). The '324 application claims priority to prior continuation application 09/576,545 which also includes same specification and declaration as the '353 application. (Note that a similar petition is being filed for U.S. Patent Nos. 6,604,062 and 6,714,895.) However, the '545 application claims priority as follows: "This application is a Divisional of Application No. 08/838,303 filed Apr. 16, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,035,266 which issued Mar. 7, 2000 and Application No. 09/465,795 which was filed Dec. 17, 1999."

Thus, at the time of the filing of the '353 application, which issued as the present '516 patent, applicant was entitled to include the following priority claim: "This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/118,324 filed April 9, 2002, which itself is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/576,545 filed May 22, 2000, which itself is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/465,795 filed December 17, 1999, which is a Divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/838,303, filed April 16, 1997 and issued on March 7, 2000."

Moreover, applicant submits respectfully that the entire delay between the date the claim of priority was due and the present date was unintentional. The incomplete priority claim was apparently made by prior counsel of record at the time of the filing and without knowledge of the applicant. In June 2007, the file for the present patent, as part of a 17-patent portfolio belonging to the applicant (now patentee), was transferred from prior counsel to the below-named firm and attorney. The below-named attorney concluded an initial investigation of the entire portfolio in December 2007, identifying the incomplete priority claim and potential remedy for the same.


This Petition is accompanied by a Certificate of Correction to reference this claim for priority (amended to reflect current status of the applications). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$1410.00 to cover the fee for this Petition as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(t). Please charge any additional fees deemed necessary for the consideration of this Petition to Deposit Account 19-0743.

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